



Facts About...

Automobile Repair Facility
(Voluntary Cleanup Program-Withdrawn)

Site Location

The 0.3079-acre Automobile Repair Facility (also known as Auto Repair Facility) is located at 1539 North Calvert Street and 201-215 East Federal Street in Baltimore City, Maryland. The property is bounded to the north by Federal Street with an elementary school beyond, to the east by the Department of Social Services building, to the south by a vacant lot, and to the west by North Calvert Street with a vacant lot and fraternity house beyond.

Site History

In 1914, the western lot of the property was undeveloped and the eastern portion was occupied by Maryland Brass and Metal Works and its associated foundry. In 1951 and 1952, a tire and battery service occupied the western lot. An auto repair and painting shop joined the foundry on the eastern portion of the property. In 1969 and 1974, an electrical repair facility replaced the tire and battery service on the western lot.

In 1906, the property was owned by Mr. William Gismick, Sr. and his wife. In 1944, the property was transferred to Maryland Brass and Metal Works. Several individuals owned the property from 1948 through 1983 when it was transferred to J.W.K. Corporation. The property was transferred to Ms. Emmaline Payne on April 4, 1995.

Environmental Investigations and Actions

In June 2001, a Phase I environmental site assessment (ESA) was completed that identified the historic uses of the property and presence of junk automobiles on the property as recognized environmental conditions. The report also noted the presence of a parts cleaner associated with the auto repair operations within the 1539 North Calvert Street portion of the property. The report recommended a subsurface investigation at the property.

A July 2001 Phase II Subsurface Investigation included collection of three subsurface soil samples. Analytical results identified elevated levels of metals, particularly arsenic, chromium, lead and mercury.

Current Status

On November 13, 2001, 1539 Federal Street, LLC submitted a VCP application as an inculpable person seeking a No Further Requirements Determination. On April 12, 2002, the application was withdrawn from the VCP.

Contact

For additional information, please contact the Land Restoration Program at (410) 537-3493.

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